House T&I Leaders, Members Urge FCC to “Reconsider the Approach”
to Reallocating 5.9GHz Spectrum

ITS America President & CEO Shailen Bhatt statement regarding House Transportation &
Infrastructure (T&I) Committee January 22 letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Chairman and Commissioners

“Leaders and members of the House T&I Committee told the FCC they were ‘alarmed’ at the
Commission’s proposal to give away a majority of the 5.9GHz spectrum currently reserved for
transportation safety communications - we certainly agree.

Vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications is the best safety tool we have in the fight against this
epidemic of roadway deaths - more than 100 people die every day. We question why the
Commission is ignoring research from the U.S. Department of Transportation that outlines all the
negative impacts that would come with the loss of spectrum. And Secretary of Transportation Elaine
Chao, in a letter to the FCC late last year, said the proposal was ‘insufficiently grounded.’

ITS America appreciates the House T&I Committee’s leadership and ongoing work on this critical
issue. We will continue to work with the committee, and all those committed to improving safety on
our roads, to ensure that the entire 5.9 band is preserved for life-saving transportation
communications.”

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